

Robert G. Powers

Robert G. Powers, better known as Bob to most people, and Bobby to his loved ones, passed away suddenly on April 10, 2017 at home. He was a resident of Duxbury for 31 years, but he was always very proud of his Brooklyn, NY origins. For the past two years, Bob was a joyful snowbird who spent the winters in The Villages, FL.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Marianne Bender-Powers; his sister Patricia Griffin and niece Elizabeth Griffin, both of Syosset, NY; his nephew James Griffin and his wife Elizabeth of Bethpage, NY; mother-in-law Angela Bender of Tamarac, FL; sister-in-law Joan deVelder, of Somerset, NJ; nephew David de- Velder and wife Amanda of Hillsborough, NJ; niece Rebecca Fein and husband Sid of Canton, GA; niece Melissa Lewis and husband Sean and niece Emily Warner of Clearwater, FL. He is also survived by 11 great nieces and nephews, several cousins, beloved friends (especially his high-school buddy, John) and his two shelter-rescue cats, Cloud and Starr.

Bob was the sole practitioner of Powers Financial Services, providing financial consulting to clients in a variety of professions throughout his career. He graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island, worked in the corporate world for several years, then established his own practice. He earned an MBA from Babson College, and various professional certifications such as CFP (Certified Financial Planner). Bob's greatest gratification from his work came from helping people feel secure about their finances.

One of Bob's greatest assets was his wonderful sense of humor. He was witty, clever, irreverent and just joyously funny.

Bob loved to travel. He and his wife celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last summer in London and on a cruise to Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Estonia and Russia.

Bob was a die-hard Boston sports fan. He reveled in the successes of the New England Patriots. The Red Sox brought him great enjoyment with their World Series wins, and he was no stranger to Celtics and Bruins games. Bob was also a great fan of NASCAR.

One of the most satisfying periods of Bob's life was when he and his wife were scuba diving. With his adventurous spirit, he was a natural born diver, and he loved being in the water. He and his wife did several wreck dives to explored sunken ships. The highlight of their diving adventures was a shark dive in the Bahamas when they were "up close and personal" with Caribbean Black-tipped sharks.

Bob's love of the water and scuba diving led him to choose the Eternal Reef for burial. The Eternal Reef project places the cremated remains of an individual into specially-designed molds that are placed into the ocean to create a reef for plants and sea life. Ocean reefs are in need of replenishment in various areas, and it was Bob's wish to be a part of that creation of new life.

Private arrangements are being made by the family through Shepherd Funeral and Cremation Service in Kingston. Donations in Bob's memory can be directed to either Eternalreefs.com or the Standish Humane Society cat shelter in Duxbury.